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Sent: Mon 10/24/2016 1:26:06 PM
Subject: Re: Unconfirmed Chemical Release, Atchison, Kansas (NRC #2042965)

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Sent from iPhone, please excuse typos.

On Oct 24, 2016, at 8:06 AM, Nichols, Nick <Nichols.Nick@epa.gov> wrote:

Bunch of drunk workers?

... The spill occurred near a sewage plant operated by MGP Ingredients, officials said. Headquartered in Atchison, MGP produces distilled spirits and specialty wheat proteins and starches....

From: Eoc, Epahq
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EOC Spot Report: Region 7, Unconfirmed Release, Atchison County, Atchison, Kansas (NRC #2042965)

US Environmental Protection Agency
Report as of: October 21, 2016, 11:15AM

Overview: On October 21st, 2016 at 10:28AM EPA Region 7 received and NRC report describing an air release of an unknown material in Atchison, Kansas. The reporting party Union Pacific Railroad, described the evacuation of a railyard. At the time of the report, it expected to evacuate 5 employees and reported that one employee had been transported to a local hospital due to injury/potential exposure. CNN reports that the spill occurred at "MGP Ingredients...a company where distilled alcohol products and food ingredients are produced."

State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions: The local sheriff is on-scene and a command center has been established.

EPA Actions: An EPA Region 7 OSC is deployed to Atchison, KS to coordinate support for the local response. EPA is bringing monitoring equipment and technical contractor support to assess the health threats, response needs, confirm the type of chemical released, and support local response decisions. At this time EPA *suspects* the chemicals may include chlorine, sulfuric acid, 72k lbs of propylene oxide—EPA responders are en-route to support the response and confirmation of chemicals. The EPA Region 7 Emergency Operations Center has been in contact with the facility emergency contact along with local responders and will provide updates as the situation changes.

Media Interest: High
<http://www.cnn.com/2016/10/21/us/kansas-atchison-chemical-spill/index.html>

The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provide updates as needed

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